



### **DRAFT MEETING NOTES**

#### **IPAC ESA/DVR Subcommittee Meeting**

**Division of Child Support, Olympia, WA  
November 12, 2009**

The IPAC ESA/DVR Subcommittee Meeting convened on November 12, 2009 at the Division of Child Support in Olympia, WA.

► **In Attendance:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Tribe/Organization</b>
<b>Dori Shoji</b>	<b>DSHS, ESA, OAS</b>
<b>Gwen Gua</b>	<b>SPIPA</b>
<b>Trudy Marcellay</b>	<b>Office of Indian Policy</b>
<b>Julie Jefferson</b>	<b>Office of Indian Policy</b>
<b>Brady Rossnagle</b>	<b>DSHS, ESA, DCS</b>
<b>Brice Montgomery</b>	<b>DSHS, ESA, DCS</b>
<b>Verna Hudson</b>	<b>Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe</b>
<b>David Rendon</b>	<b>DSHS, ESA, CSD</b>
<b>William Martin</b>	<b>Skokomish Tribe</b>
<b>Beverly Bennett</b>	<b>Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe</b>
<b>Mike Mowrey</b>	<b>DSHS, ESA, STRO</b>
<b>Alice Liou</b>	<b>ESA</b>
<b>Rochelle Warner</b>	<b>DSHS, ESA, STRO</b>
<b>Avreayl Jacobson</b>	<b>DSHS, DVR</b>
<b>Sandy Jsames</b>	<b>DSHS, ESA, CSD</b>
<b>Sarah Sotomish</b>	<b>DSHS, ESA, STRO</b>
<b>Colleen Cawston</b>	<b>DSHS, OIP</b>
<b>Helen Fenrich</b>	<b>Tulalip Tribes</b>
<b>Rosi Francis</b>	<b>Tribal Member</b>
<b>Becky McAninch-Dake</b>	<b>HRSA</b>
<b>Deb Sosa</b>	<b>HRSA</b>
<b>Andrea Smith</b>	<b>Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe</b>

► **Welcome & Introductions:**

Sarah Colleen Sotomish, STRO Administrator for ESA, welcomed everyone to the IPAC ESA/DVR Subcommittee Meeting and asked for introductions.

► **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Updates:**

- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Community Relations Administrator, Avreayl Jacobson distributed the SFY 2010 Washington State Tribal VR Program handout and a DVR map which includes the areas, office location and main areas contacts.

The attached map was developed in 2005 by the Yakama Nation VR program at which time the SPIPA program included the Chehalis and Skokomish Tribes.

- She announced that Chehalis and Skokomish Tribes were successful in receiving a five year federal VR Grant.
- Avreayl reported that Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) has a 7.01 meeting with Tribal VR Programs every three to four months, depending on what the partners want in their Region. VR Region two is in the process of setting up a workgroup to create a government-to-government cooperative VR contract between the State and Tribal VRs.

► Legislative & Budget Update:

- Division of Child Support (DCS) Executive Assistant, Brice Montgomery, announced that an office within the Department's Financial Services Administration, the Office of Financial Recovery (OFR), will be moving to DCS. Expected benefits of the move include increased efficiencies in payment processing and economies of scale. The timeframe of this move is still being considered; however, they expect the process to be completed before the end of the state fiscal year.
- Brice shared that new child support worksheets are now available on the Washington Courts website:  
<http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/documents/CSWorksheet.pdf>
- Brice announced that as part of a "DCS of the Future" Fast Track Initiative, DCS will be centralizing the processing of referrals at DCS HQ Central Services. He asked Brady Rosnagle to provide further information about the subgroup that was formed to consider tribal impacts. Brady shared that the "Tribal Case Set-Up Subgroup" will make recommendations: 1) Regarding who should set-up referrals from Tribal TANF and Tribal Child Support programs, and 2) On ensuring that referrals with tribal connections (from other sources) are properly identified and assigned. Invitations were sent out to the tribes to participate in the subgroup, and four tribes responded. (Quinault Nation, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Colville Tribe and Tulalip Tribes) Upper Skagit remains interested in receiving workgroup notes and in being advised of any decisions made; however they do not wish to be a direct workgroup member. DCS is forwarding information to Jennifer Washington, Upper Skagit Tribal Chair. The subgroup meets 1-2 times per week for 1 1/2 hours via conference call. They plan to make their recommendations by December 4 and turn them in by December 11.
- Brice also provided DCS Legislative Updates. This update included Z-0792, Review and Adjustment and Placeholder for Medical Support. He stated the bill was distributed to all of the tribes last week.

► Benefits Portal:

- Alice Liou shared information on the Washington State Benefit Portal Partnership Project on behalf of the Economic Services Administration (ESA). She discussed the goals, description, partners involved, proposed benefits package, key features, and approach. ESA would like to have tribal representatives included in Partnerships and Technology subcommittees and perhaps involved in user groups. Colleen Cawston will discuss these efforts with Troy and work with Gwen Gua to place the request for tribal representatives on the IPAC agenda. The

tribes also expressed their concerns regarding reaching non-computer users and an interest in learning more about joining into outreach activities.

► Community Services Division Updates:

- David Rendon referenced a letter in the packet that was sent out to Tribal leaders to describe the long-term fiscal challenges facing the state. He further discussed ESA's General Assistance (GA) program budget reduction of \$59 million. He explained the changes they may need to make to the GA program in the future includes grant reductions, stricter disability criteria, and time limits. ESA does not plan to make further GA program changes before May 1, 2010 so the Legislature has an opportunity to review potential cuts and take action as they deem appropriate.
- Effective November 1, 2009, all GA clients are enrolled in managed care unless they qualify for an exemption. Deb Sosa and Becky McAninch-Dake from HRSA provided information to address questions that have come up about this policy change.
- They explained that American Indians (AI) and Alaska Natives (AN) are exempt since they have a legal right to be seen by a tribal clinic and will not be auto enrolled into managed care as long as we know they are a tribal member. We encourage CSO, call center and health care providers to ask about tribal affiliation and send a notice out to every GA client letting them know of the tribal exemption to avoid enrolling tribal members by mistake. The notice also explains how tribal members can opt in if they want managed care.
- They explained how AI and AN can be disenrolled from managed care. The tribal member can call a toll-free number or the tribal clinic can fax HRSA a disenrollment form if they want to be disenrolled by the end of the month. Tribal clinics should call Jacquie Howard at HRSA headquarters at (360) 725-1429 if they want same day disenrollment or want to disenroll several tribal members at the same time.
- Tribal governments can contact HRSA for more information about GA managed care: Deb Sosa at [Deborah.Sosa@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Deborah.Sosa@dshs.wa.gov) or (360) 725-1649 or Becky McAninch-Dake at [mcanibj@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:mcanibj@dshs.wa.gov).

► ESA-DVR Matrix Review & Update:

- Sarah Colleen Sotomish, Sandy Jsames, and Mike Mowrey led the Matrix Review and the group provided updates. ESA will update the matrix in the areas of Tribal TANF WAC plans and resource sharing at the local level under the Service Delivery Project (SDR).
  - ♦ Mike Mowrey confirmed that the ACES-SEMS Web Data Share Agreements (DSA) include a reciprocal confidentiality provision requiring DSHS employees to maintain the confidentiality of information received from Tribes. See below link to DCS's Tribal Relations Team website to review the DSAs.  
<http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dcs/tribal/csagreements.asp#t5>

► Future IPAC ESA/DVR Subcommittee meetings:

- The group decided to schedule future subcommittee meetings on the first Thursday in the month following the month IPAC is held.
- The next IPAC ESA-DVR Subcommittee meeting will be held on February 4, 2009, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., location to be announced.